national that from October, 1993, they have launched, a worldwide campaign against political killings and "disappearances". The view of the Government is that targetting specific countries and specific areas within countries goes against the spirit of the worldwide campaign. The pamphlet in question fails to present an objective picture. The matter has been taken up with Amnesty International conveying out strong objections to such a campaign specially when the Government is engaged in a constructive dialogue with them.

Militancy in border areas of Kutch, Gujarat and Rajasthan

740. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether militancy is recently spreading to the border areas of Kutch, Banaskantha of Gujarat and Rajasthan States;

(b) whether ISI of Pakistan has set up any training centres for militants near the border areas;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what action is proposed to be taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Due to border fencing and heightened vigilance on Indo-Pak border in Punjab, terrorists and smugglers have been trying to explore new routes through the Gujarat and Rajasthan borders for their activrties.

(b) and (c) A number of terrorist training camps have been set up In Pakistan.

(d) Government have alerted the concerned State and Central agencies to maintain utmost alert and vigil.

Progress of Investigation in Bomb Blast case at Youth Congress Office, New Delhi

741. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the stage of investigation of the incident of bomb bast at youth Congress Office, New Delhi; and

(b) what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) Two deadly bombs placed in an Ambassador car exploded at Raisina Road at about 2.30 P.M. on 11-9-1993, when Shri M.S. Bitta, President of Indian Youth Congress (I), was going out from his office located at 5, Rassina Road, New Delhi. A case u/s 302/307/23/324/326/429/379/436 IPC, 3/4/5 TADA, 4/5 Exp. Sub. Act and 3 P.D.P. Act has been registered at P.S. Parliament Street, New Delhi.

9 Persons were killed and 29 injured In the incident. 14 vehicles and 3 cycles and window panes of several nearby buildings were damaged. The Police has been able to identify six persons belonging to the KLF grounp of terrorists, who are behind the blast. When one accused person was cornered by the police, he committed suicide by consuming cyanide. No other person has been arrested so far in this case.

Attacks on security forces in Jammu and Kashmir by militants

742. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many times, during the period from 1st January, 1993 to 31st October, 1993, the security forces in Jammu and Kashmir were attacked by the militants/terrorists; and

(b) how many casualties were suffered by the security forces in these attacks and how many attackers were killed or injured in these attacks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) As per available

information, there have been 2103 incidents of attack on security forces by militants in Jammu & Kashmir during the current year upto 31st October, 1993.

(b) 176 security forces personnel and 1074 militants were killed during the said period.

Inquiry into the incidents of violence

743. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any judicial/magisterial/executive/departmental inquiry was ordered into any incidents of major violence involving clashes between the security forces and militants/violent crowd, like Bij Bihare (October, 1993); Lal Chowk (April, 1993); Sopore (January, 1993) Handwara (1991-92) and Maulvi Farooq (May, 1990);

(b) if so, what have been the findings in the above-referred judicial/magisterial/executive/departmental inquires; and

(c) what consequential action, if any, has been taken on those findings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The details are given below:

(i) BIJBEHARA INCIDENT (OCTOBER 1993)

On receipt of report of the incident, the State Government ordered a magisterial enquiry; the BSF authorities have separately instituted a Staff Court of inquiry into the incident. The results of the inquiries are awaited. The National Human Rights Commission has also taken sun-motu cognisance of this incident and has called for a report from the Government.

(ii) LAL CHOWK INCIDENT (APRIL 1993)

Regarding this incident, a case has been registered in the Police Station Maisuma, which is under investigation.

An Inquiry by the Divsional Commissioner, Kashmir was also ordered.

Action will be taken as may be found necessary, upon the conclusion of these inquiries.

(iii) SOPORE INCIDENT (JANUARY 1993)

After occurrence of the incident, a Staff Court of Inquiry was ordered by the BSF authorities. Pending finalisation of the Inquiry, 10 BSF personnel prima facie found responsible for the lapses, including 2 Sub-Inspectors and one Commanding Officer were placed under suspension. A Police case was also registered, investigation of which was transferred in the Central Bureau of Investigation.

The State Government also constituted a Commission of Inquiry and Justice Amarjeet Singh Chaudhry, a serving Judge of the Punjab & Haryana High Court was appointed to conduct the Inquiry which is in progress.

(iv) HANDWARA INCIDENT (1991-92) Since no specific incident or indication of the date/period of occurence has been given it is not possible to provide any information.

(v) INCIDENT OF FIRING ON FUNERAL PROCESSION OF MAULVI FAROOQ.

A Police case was registered regarding the incident, which is under investigation.

The CRPF authorities had also conducted departmental enquiry proceedings against the personnel found prima facie responsible for lapses. 4 personnel including one Sub-Inspector, found guilty of lack of proper command and over-reaction, were punished departmentally. The punishments awarded included reduction in rank and stoppage of increment for periods upto 2 years with cumulative effect. Proceedings against one Assistant Commandant are in an advanced stage of progress.

744. [Transferred to 16th December, 1993]